

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THORNTON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
25999 Thornton Rd., Thornton, CA. 95686
February 12, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Allan called the regular meeting of the Thornton County Fire Protection District Board of Directors to order at 6:29 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors Present: Jim Allan, William Stokes, Jose Torres and Paul Guzman
Absent: Frank Yoka (excused)
Staff Present: Fire Chief Alberto Garcia and Secretary Diana Tidwell

GUESTS ATTENDING:

None

AGENDA:

On motion of Vice Chairman Stokes, seconded by Director Guzman, agenda for February 12, 2026, meeting approved. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED:

Received email from Hawks & Associates confirming final submission to State Controller's Office of Special Districts Financial Transaction Report. Chief Garcia received email regarding return of Strike Team Payments due to SAM.gov bank information not being updated to F & M. Chief has updated the information through SAM.gov and OES will reprocess and send remaining payments.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

On motion of Vice Chairman Stokes, seconded by Director Torres, amend call to order on minutes for January 8, 2026. On motion of Vice Chairman Stokes, seconded by Director Torres, regular meeting approved as amended. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT & BILL LOG:

On motion of Director Guzman, seconded by Director Torres, financials and bill logs for January 2026 in the amount of \$129,306.08 approved. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously. All board members agreed to change the time for the regular meetings to 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING:

None

FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION REPORT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. All directors received Form 700 forms for completion. No action taken, information item only.
- B. Each director received copy of final Special Districts Transaction Report by Hawks & Associates for review. No action taken, information item only.

CHIEFS REPORT:

- A. Chief Garcia reviewed the Alarm and Fire Prevention Reports, and each board member received a copy. Alarm reports show 24 calls for the month of January 2026, for a total of

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24 calls on the year, a decrease of 27 calls from last year. 2026 annual fire inspections are underway with New Hope Landing scheduled for inspection this week.

- B. There are no updates on grants.
- C. There are two intern candidates currently in background investigations and medical evaluations process.
- D. There are no station updates.
- E. San Joaquin County has requested the station serve as a polling place for the upcoming election.
- F. All department training and the monthly North County continue as scheduled and the district will be participating in an upcoming Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) training soon.
- G. Chief Garcia provided a brief presentation to the MAC Board and advised the community that it is too early to tell the impact of Measure S funds and Chief Garcia will return in one year to provide an update on the impacts and progress made. The Association is planning a 75th Anniversary BBQ for the community. More details will be provided as they come available.
- H. Engine 17-1 code 3 side marker lights were replaced. Engine 17-2 still has existing issues and the primer cable has been ordered. Engine 17-3 is in service and the suction screen has been ordered due to the current screen rotting. Water tender 17-1 is in service with no issues to report. Chief 17-1 tires need replaced and code 3 grill light are still out of service; replacements have been ordered.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

None

ADJOURN MEETING:

On motion of Director Guzman, seconded by Director Torres, the Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

DIANA TIDWELL